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SUBJECT: NICARAGUAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

1. DURING RECENT VISIT BY POLLOFF TO HEADQUARTERS OF
NICARAGUAN PERMANENT COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (CPDH) ON
31 JULY, HE TOOK OCCASION TO MENTION PRESENCE OF POSSIBLY
LIVE EXPLOSIVES IN HOMES OF CIVILIANS NOTED BY SENATOR
STONE'S STAFF AIDE, ROBERTO PELLEIA DURING HIS CPDH SPONSORED
TOUR TO JONOTEPE, SAN MARCOS, DIRIAMBIA AND OTHER SCENES OF
DISTURBANCES AND CONFRONTATIONS BETWEEN CIVILIANS AND
NATIONAL GUARD (GN).

2. IN AT LEAST ONE HOME, PELLEIA OBSERVED WHAT HE BELIEVES
TO BE UNEXPLODED M118 FOUND FIRED FROM M-79 GRENADE LAUNCHER.
PELLEIA HAD EXPRESSED CONCERN TO POLOFF WITH POSSIBILITY OF
DEATHS OR INJURIES SHOULD THE EXPLOSIVE DETONATE.

3. POLOFF EXPRESSED CONCERN FOR SAFETY OF PEOPLE
IN AREA OF THE EXPLOSIVE TO CPDH NATIONAL COORDINATOR
JOSE ESTEBAN GONZALEZ. GONZALEZ SAID THERE ARE MANY
SUCH PROJECTILES IN HOUSES THROUGHOUT THE AREA, AND
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THAT PEOPLE KEEP THEM AS EVIDENCE OF GN TACTICS. POLOFF
EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW THAT EXPLOSIVES WERE DANGEROUS AND
MIGHT EXPLODE. IF PROOF OF THEIR EXISTENCE WAS NEEDED,
PHOTOGRAPHS AND/OR NOTARIZED STATEMENTS OF FACTS MIGHT
BE SUFFICIENT. CPDH COULD THEN ARRANGE FOR THE GN
TO REMOVE THE EXPLOSIVES. GONZALEZ RESPONDED THAT THE
CPDH WOULD WARN PEOPLE AND ARRANGE FOR REMOVAL OF THE

PROJECTILES.

4. DURING THE VISIT, GONZALEZ SHOWED POLOFF A LETTER HE RECEIVED FROM CONG. DONALD FRASER COMMENDING CPDH ON ITS WORK AND REQUESTING PERIODIC REPORTS ON CONDITIONS IN NICARAGUA. GONZALEZ ALSO PRESENTED HIM WITH LIST OF 32 CHILDREN WHO ALLEGEDLY WERE ARRESTED WITH THEIR PARENTS AND HAVE NOT BEEN HEARD FROM SINCE. LIST DATES BACK TO 1975, AND REPRESENTS THE START OF A NEW CAMPAIGN BY THE CPDH EMPHASIZING WHEREABOUTS OF MISSING CHILDREN. THIS IS THE FIRST SUCH LIST RECEIVED BY EMB, BUT GONZALEZ TOLD POLOFF THAT SOME NAMES ON IT ARE NEW, AND OTHERS A PULLING TOGETHER OF NAMES PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. TUCKER

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